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FOR ARA ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJ: LIEVANO ON TRADE PROPOSALS

1. LIEVANO TOLD ME TODAY THAT, FOLLOWING THE SECRETARY'S LEAD, HE TOO IS SETTING UP A TASK FORCE INVOLVING OTHER MINISTERIES TO FLESH OUT HIS PROPOSALS ON TRADE AND COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGE SURVEYS WHICH HE MADE IN HIS TOAST. (HE SAID THAT FACIO CALLED HIM FROM SAN JOSE TO ASK FOR A COPY OF THE TEXT.) LIEVANO WENT ON TO SAY HE WILL CONSULT OTHER GOVERNMENTS. HE SAID THAT HE WAS GOING TO MOVE VERY CAREFULLY, HOWEVER, AND ADDED THAT, GIVEN LATIN AMERICAN PERSONALISMO, IF HE PRESENTED ANYTHING THAT LOOKED LIKE A "LIEVANO PROPOSAL OR PLAN" OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD OPPOSE IT JUST TO OPPOSE HIM. HE WILL THEREFORE NOT SEEK TO CLAIM ANY PATERNITY OR TO PRESENT ANYTHING AS HIS "PLAN". RATHER HE WILL SEEK TO PUSH ALONG BROAD IDEAS FOR EVERYONE TO CHAMPION, SO THAT ALL COULD SUPPORT SUBSTANCE AND NOT BE SIDELINED BY JEALOUSIES AS TO AUTHORSHIP.

2. AFTER HE HAS IDEAS DOWN MORE CONCRETELY, LIEVANO SUGGESTED, CONSULTATIONS WITH US EITHER HERE OR IN WASHINGTON MIGHT BE IN ORDER. OUR END GOAL, HE SUGGESTED, OUGHT TO BE SOME OUTLINE FOR DISCUSSION AT THE OASGA MEETING IN SANTIAGO.

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